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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORPORATION
(PITC)

REF: MANILA A-219

1. WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES OF IMPORTED HARDWOOD
PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION (IHPA) IMPORTERS OF PLYWOOD
VENEER AND LUMBER FROM THE PHILIPPINES, HAVE
FURNISHED THE DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF GOP'S DECREE 252
WHICH ESTABLISHED SUBJECT CORPORATION. SECTION 5
OF DECREE ENABLES GOP TO REQUIRE, SUBJECT TO PRESIDENTIAL
APPROVAL, EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF DESIGNATED
COMMODITIES TO "COURSE ALL THEIR TRADING ACTIVITIES
THROUGH THE CORPORATION". IHPA IS APPREHENSIVE THAT
STATE TRADING MONOPOLY WILL RESULT IN REDUCED SUPPLIES
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AND SHARPLY INCREASED PRICES FOR PHILIPPINE HARDWOOD

PRODUCTS.

2. EMBASSY MANILA ASSESSMENT OF GOP INTENTION FOR PITC AND OF IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. INTERESTS OF DECREE 252 IS REQUESTED ASAP. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED AS THEY ARISE.

3. FOR SEOUL, TAIPEI AND TOKYO: WE MAY HAVE COMMON INTERESTS WITH JAPAN, KOREA AND ROC ON THIS ISSUE AS ALL ARE MAJOR IMPORTERS OF PHILIPPINE HARDWOOD PRODUCTS. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DISCREETLY ELICIT FROM HOST GOVERNMENTS THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF DECREE 252.
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